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TAGS: OGEN, SNAR, PK

SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSED FY 1975 DEA STAFFING INCREASE
FOR PAKISTAN

1. OUT OF A PROPOSED WORLDWIDE INCREASE OF 116 U.S.
POSITIONS FOR FY-1975, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINIS-
TRATION (DEA) WISHES TO INCREASE ITS AMERICAN STAFFING
IN PAKISTAN BY ONE AMERICAN POSITION FOR AN INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIONS OFFICER IN KARACHI. DEA HAS SUBMITTED THE
FOLLOWING RATIONALE TO SUPPORT REQUEST:

QUOTE PAKISTAN IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLICIT OPIUM
SMUGGLED ACROSS AFGHANISTAN INTO IRAN. IT IS ALSO NOW
EMERGING AS A SOURCE OF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF OPIUM
MOVING BY ILLICIT CHANNELS TO WESTERN EUROPE AND THE
FAR EAST. THERE ARE ALSO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF THE
MANUFACTURE OF MORPHINE BASE IN THE KARACHI AREA. LARGE
AMOUNTS OF PAKISTANI HASHISH ENTER WESTERN EUROPE

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DAILY, AND LESSER AMOUNTS ARE NOW APPEARING IN THE

UNITED STATES.

ACCURATE ESTIMATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT IT SEEMS
LIKELY THAT MOST OF THE PAKISTANI OPIUM IN ILLICIT
TRAFFIC ORIGINATES IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE,
WHICH IS NOT UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL BY THE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT. SOME MAY ALSO BE DIVERTED FROM LEGAL CROPS

GROWN IN SEVERAL SCATTERED "SETTLED AREAS".

INTELLIGENCE AND CASES DEVELOPED AND CONCLUDED
RECENTLY DEMONSTRATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KARACHI FOR
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. MOST DEA CASES DEVELOPED IN
1973 ORIGINATED FROM LEADS PICKED UP IN KARACHI.
SPECIAL AGENTS FROM ISLAMABAD AND OTHER DISTRICT
OFFICES HAVE EXPENDED MANY MANHOURS ON CASES IN
KARACHI. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF
OPIUM ARE LEAVING THE COUNTRY VIA KARACHI, PAKISTAN'S
LARGEST CITY AND ONLY SIGNIFICANT PORT.

THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN OPERATIONS OFFICER IN KARACHI
WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE DEA NARCOTICS CONTROL
EFFORT IN PAKISTAN. AN OPERATIONS OFFICER WOULD
STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF DEA AND
PAKISTANI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. HE COULD ALSO
DIRECT INVESTIGATIVE PROBES TOWARD THE NORTHWEST
FRONTIER PROVINCE TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE AND
TRAFFICKING PATTERNS OF OPIUM AND HASHISH EXITING
PAKISTAN THROUGH KARACHI. UNQUOTE

2. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF OF
MISSION ON DEA'S PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON
THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE EMBASSY
AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL. KISSINGER

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